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Dear Ms. Liang:

I'm writing to let you know of important documents "in the pipeline" in my applications you are handling. In the U.S. National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US95/03591 ("parent"), last month I received your first office action, citing U.S. patents to Hutchinson and Day. I have decided to make these two patents of record in the two CIPs you are examining which claim the benefit of the parent.

In CIP Application No. 08/506,445, yesterday I sent to the PTO a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement for the Hutchinson and Day patents. Simultaneously in that case, I also sent a Supplemental Declaration Including Change of Post Office Address, and a Request for Initialing of a Certain Reference. These filings should make their way to your desk in due course.

In CIP Application No. 08/506,032, I have enclosed herewith for your consideration:


1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449A, together constituting Applicant Document No. 032-41;
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,836,670, filed 19 August 1987, issued 6 June 1989 to Hutchinson;
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,763,356, filed 11 December 1986, issued 9 August 1988 to Day, Jr. et. al.

Also in this case, on October 14th I received a Notification of Non-Compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c) and mailed to the PTO a Response including an Amended Appeal Brief. I understand it can take considerable period of time for the PTO Mailroom to forward documents to you. To avoid this delay, I have enclosed with this letter a courtesy copy of my Response and of my Amended Appeal Brief, and am sending these to you via Federal Express.

While I normally try to file all papers related to a single application together, I split the filings for 08/506,032 so that I could respond to the Notification within the fourth additional month following the Notice of Appeal. I received the Notification in the afternoon of October 14th, which was the last day of the fourth additional month. I didn't have time that day to prepare the enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, so I split the filings.

If you have any questions regarding my filings in any of these applications, please get in touch.

Yours Truly,

  
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